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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003. With no extensions, the response is due on or before May 26, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the timely filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-501.

Applicant submits this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c). Applicant also submits herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, along with the required \$180.00 fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also constitutes a proper submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.